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TO Harold Weisberg

Received and read "Post Mortem". You admit to having put out about a million words...your style of writing is not journalistic or technical reporting, but more like advocacy or debating(?), so you have "local" repetition on a page, and "duplicate" repetition in various parts of the book. It makes for heavy reading.

It's a worthwhile book, certainly, but I hope in some future book you'll include the reasons for the good, honest, citizens (doctors, military, etc.) to have warped the evidence to show no conspiracy existed. I'm again enclosing a marked sheet of "INSIDE, STRAIGHT" giving the Hearings page references as to How and Why Pres. Johnson instructed the Commission to prove no conspiracy. (Johnson was no part of the actual conspiracy, but you can bet your stack of books that Allen Dulles, Tex Thornton, and probably John McCloy were in on it.)

You might note an "erratum" on p.375, 8 lines from bottom of page. "Prone" should be "supine". (You used it as opposed to "vertical".)

FROM

Best regards and good luck,

Leon

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[1] The "ZAP" SHOT
(continued from p. 1)

Bystanders as close to the President's car as those shown in the photo on p. 1 said Pres. Kennedy "stiffened" and was "sort of immobile" after the first shot. He held his arms bent at shoulder height for the whole six seconds before the fatal final shot, and made no move to protect himself. [10]

This may indicate that a "spook" type of poison bullet was used, like the cyanide bullets used recently by revolutionaries in Oakland, Cal. to kill Marcus Foster. (N.Y.Times, Nov. 11,1973, p. 42.) The Ford-built special Continental in which Pres. Kennedy was shot had no running boards, so there were no Secret Service men near him to shield him or push him down to a safe position.

[10] RED HERRING WHITEWASH

There is a simple plausible and documented explanation for the Warren Commission's ignoring of all evidence of a conspiracy, and declaring Lee Oswald the lone killer of Pres. Kennedy. [1] Pres. Johnson believed, to his dying day, that an international Communist conspiracy (read "Russia") did the job. He first heard of this within an hour after the shooting. (7H475)

Oswald's FBI dossier was sent from New Orleans to Dallas on the day before the assassination. (4H462) Oswald had defected to Russia, had a Russian wife who spoke no English, etc. Thus the real cabal could expect Johnson to believe that Russia did it. Johnson could also be convinced not to risk a nuclear confrontation over the event. He asked Warren, Dulles, and McCloy to suppress all leads pointing to a conspiracy (which he believed was Russian.)

Pres. Johnson called Waggoner Carr (Atty. Gen. of Texas) on the night of Nov. 22, from the White House, to be sure no "international conspiracy" would be mentioned in Oswald's charges and trial. (5H218,219,229,230,236,240,258,260.) Allen Dulles emphasized why the conspiracy idea was played down. (5H25,254,260)

This explains why Earl Warren said the story would not be made public for 75 years. It also explains why many believe LBJ himself was involved, since he tried to cover up all conspiracy evidence, and since he gained the White House.

As the current book "Executive Action" indicates, Pres. Kennedy was probably killed by well-heeled Americans, not left-wingers, with ex-CIA alumni involved. Richard Nixon's name was dragged into the Hearings to prove he was in Dallas a few hours before the assassination (5H598,23H830, Exh. 1975). Was this to prevent him from running against LBJ in 1964? (Imagine the remarks Nixon would face if that fact was publicized during a campaign.) Now today Nixon must be waiting for this question at some "full disclosure" press conference: "Mr. President, why were you in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963?" (The perfectly innocent reason is given in Issue No. 1 of INSIDE,STRAIGHT.) [3]

[11] TEXAS TAKES OVER

Have you noticed---

Both the Republican and Democratic National Committees have chairmen now who are from Texas. (Bush; Strauss.)

The White House lawyer who negotiated Archibald Cox's "removal" is from Texas. (Wright)

The new Watergate prosecutor is from Texas. (Jaworski)

John Connally, in and out of Nixon's Cabinet and inner circle in the last few years, is a Texan.

Ramsey Clark, star of the Ford Foundation's "road show" to promote its new draft Constitution in 1970 [8], and now a potential Senator from New York State, is a Texan.

Charles B. "Tex" Thornton, head of Litton Industries, whose key employee, Roy Ash, now heads the Bureau of the Budget in the White House Executive Offices, is a Texan. [9]

You can add other obvious examples to this list, and watch the daily papers for more. During LBJ's tenure in the White House, the Houston and Dallas areas made great strides.

Texas is that part of the U.S.A. deemed safest from Russian missile attacks by submarine or over the Pole. If the East Coast becomes less livable, pressure can be expected for moving the Capital of the U.S.A. to Texas, and not just for the summers or winters.

The Southwest still remembers with rankling resentment the financial squeeze put on it during the Panic of 1907, by Wall St. (read "the East".) Barry Goldwater of Arizona said in 1964 that the East Coast should be cut adrift and sent back to Europe. The problems hurting the major cities of the Northeast are not being tolerated in the Southwest. (Los Angeles, considered as just a West Coast New York City, is not spared as Dallas and Houston are.)

"PRESIDENT RICHARDSON"

No one in the know thinks Gerald Ford could be a competent President, not even Ford himself. Mr. Nixon now knows he may soon have to resign for the good of the country. [2,3] Thus Nixon should ask Ford to withdraw as Vice-Presidential nominee, so Elliot Richardson's name can be submitted to Congress for the post.

If Elliot Richardson becomes Vice-President and then President, civilian control of the U.S. might be preserved. He is an able experienced administrator and politician. However, his lack of CIA and military contacts may bring opposition from those quarters. Already we heard that Gen. Haig called Richardson a "liar" when briefing Senators at the White House on Nov. 15th.

Richardson would undoubtedly accept the nomination if Nixon publicly pledged to resign on the day Richardson is sworn in as Vice-President. We would not need special elections in 1974. [8]

This solution to the White House crisis offers credibility and speed. Mr. Richardson is the very image of integrity and principle. He has already twice this year been confirmed for Cabinet posts by Congress. He could probably be confirmed as Vice-President in a matter of days or a few weeks at most. [2]

When and if Nixon leaves office, Mr. Richardson would make a competent President to serve until 1976 at least. The contrast between him and Mr. Ford cries out for action now.

Apology: We regret the lapse of good taste in the title on p.1. The failure of the news media to emphasize the facts required that attention be drawn to these matters.

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